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SKI TRIP TO AUSTRIA EASTER 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you of the return of our annual ski trip next year to Austria on Friday 31st March 2023, returning Saturday 8th April 2023. Skiing is an incredibly popular trip at St Joseph's, and this is an opportunity for beginners and experienced skiers alike to learn new skills. The trip will be offered to the current years 7 and 8, and builds on the many successful ski trips we have organised in the past.

Travelling with trusted and experienced school ski trip company **Skibound**, we will be staying at the Hotel Durigon in the resort of **Oberlungau**, and our lift pass will also give us access to the whole Lungau ski area. The Hotel Durigon is a privately owned and family run hotel and can offer an enhanced level of accommodation. All levels of skiers are well catered for and there are a number of Après-Ski activities to ensure students are entertained in the evening. There will be 6 days of skiing accompanied by experienced ski instructors, and we have secured an additional hour of instruction per day, with 3 hours of lessons in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. Students will be accommodated in rooms with full private facilities for between 2 and 4 students. There are places for 40 students accompanied by 5 members of staff. Places will be allocated on a first come basis.

The cost for the trip will be £1070

This includes: Return coach travel between UK and Austria

Full-Board accommodation in resort, including packed lunches for the mountain Full Area lift pass, ski hire, pole hire, boot hire, helmet hire and 6x5 hrs of tuition

Ski storage

Comprehensive insurance

Evening activities (may include bum boarding/bowling/swimming)

Extras to be budgeted for: Individual passport (if not already owned)

Spending money for shopping/souvenirs Ski clothing—some of which can be hired All students will need their own GHIC card

Financial arrangements: An initial **non-refundable deposit of £150** is required by **Friday 18th March**. The **second deposit of £120 (by Friday 15th April) is also non-refundable**. There may also be other charges for withdrawals imposed by the travel company. The remainder is to be paid in instalments as shown below on the first Monday of the following months:

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IMPORTANT NOTE ON WITHDRAWALS AND INSURANCE

We have opted to take Skibound's fully comprehensive insurance for this trip. This means that we are covered for any Coronavirus situation. If you would like to see a copy of the insurance policy before confirming, then please let me know. Financial arrangements depend on the satisfactory maintenance of the original group size. Unwarranted withdrawals can create serious and unnecessary difficulties. For this reason I wish to impress upon parents and carers that it is essential to:

- assure yourself of your child's firm commitment to the trip
- satisfy yourself of your child's ability to undertake a residential trip of this nature and duration
- satisfy yourself that your child has an appropriate friendship group on the trip
- ensure your child is physically and mentally capable of coping with a demanding and challenging strenuous outdoor activity
- understand the initial two deposits are non- refundable.

Yours faithfully,

These checks will ensure that you and your child can approach the trip with confidence and they will enjoy skiing as an exciting activity.

If you wish your child to go on this trip, please complete the reply slip below and email to dbailey@sjhs.newport.sch.uk. Please also pay the deposit of £150 on the school gateway app Ski Austria 2023 section by Friday 18th March. We would also like to keep you up to date with events in preparation for the trip, so would appreciate it if you could provide an e-mail address which is checked regularly.

<	Joseph Ryan Assistant Headteacher
	To: Mr J Ryan
	Ski Trip to Austria–Easter 2023
	I/we* give permission for
	Signed Date (Parent/Carer)
	Contact No (Mobile):
	Email Address: